INF5620 Exam, Problem 3

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Analysis of wave problems

a)

$$u''(t) + \omega^2 u(t) = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$u(0) = I (2)$$

$$u'(0) = V (3)$$

Compact differentiation notation

$$[D_t D_t u + \omega^2 u(t) = 0]^n$$

Explain how the stability and the accuracy of this scheme can be investigated via exact solutions of the discrete equations. Illustrate the numerical problems that can arise from this scheme.

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b) Wave equation

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} (4)$$

$$u_x = 0 (5)$$

$$u(0) = I \tag{6}$$

$$u_t(0) = V (7)$$

Compact differentiation notation

$$[D_t D_t u = c^2 D_x D_x]_i^n$$

Explain how the stability and the accuracy of this scheme can be investigated via exact solutions of the discrete equations.

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c) Explain how the analysis can help us to understand why a smooth initial condition gives relatively small numerical artifacts, and why a less smooth initial condition gives rise to significant numerical artifacts.

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d) Truncation error analysis on a), correction term so the order of the scheme becomes Δt^4

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e) Truncation error analysis on b), correction term so the order of the scheme becomes $\Delta t^4,\,\Delta x^4$

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